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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: DISAP-
PEARANCE OF FATHER MAURICE SILVA (319/78/4)

REF: BUENOS AIRES 2566

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST OF FEBRUARY 22, 1978 REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF FATHER MAURICE SILVA, THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS INFORMED US THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS NO RECORD OF THE DETENTION OF FATHER SILVA, NOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HIS WHEREABOUTS. INQUIRIES ON BEHALF OF THE WORKING GROUP WERE MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WITH FEDERAL POLICE AUTHORITIES IN THE CAPITAL AND IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, AND ALSO WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY.

2. THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST ON THIS MATTER HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS CASE AND WILL INFORM YOU OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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3. SINCERELY YOURS, MAXWELL CHAPLIN, CHARGE
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